in-aid is provided for establishment of Shelter Houses. The grants sanctioned during the last three years are as under:—

Year	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
2000-2001	691.33
2001-2002	646.24
2002-2003	421.82

The budget for the current year under this scheme is Rs. 650 lakhs.

(b) Under this scheme, the funds are provided for construction of Shelter Houses for looking after the animals in distress without distinction between Shelter House and Gaushala. The number of Shelter Houses sanctioned during the year from 1998-1999 to 2002-2003 is as under:

Year	Number of Shelter Houses
1998-1999	29
1999-2000	52
2000-2001	38
2001-2002	46
2002-2003	29

(c) No, Sir.

Sunabeda Wildlife Sanctuary

1914. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress to declare the Sunabeda Wildlife Sanctuary in Orissa as a project tiger reserve; and

(b) what are the salient points of the proposal from the State Government forwarded to Government for declaration of the Sunabeda Wildlife Sanctuary as a Project Tiger Reserve?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) No formal proposal from the Government of Orissa has been received, for declaring Sunabeda Wildlife Sanctuary as a project tiger reserve.

(b) Does not arise.

Environment Day

1915. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hyderabad has come forward to host the Environment Day celebrations in June, 2004;

(b) whether Government have informed this to the Secretariat of the United Nations Environment Programme; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Forest Clearance for lower Subansiri Dam Project

1916. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that final forest clearance for lower Subansiri Dam Project is yet to be granted to NHPC despite all requisite formalities are completed;

(b) whether it is also a fact that diversion of 245 ha. of quarry area recommended by Government of Assam is yet to be cleared to NHPC to resume commissioning of the said project;

(c) if so, by when it will be cleared;

(d) whether construction of a park at Dam site is logical than the provision of flood protection measure downstream; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?